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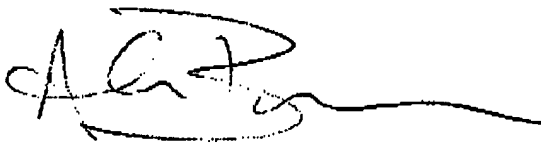
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Sir:

With regard to the Atkinson Application referenced above, please be advised of our Application No. 10/016,380 (Pub. No. US20020072325 A1), which claims priority of Provisional Application No. 60/254,740, filed December 11, 2000. A copy of Pub. No. US20020072325 A1 is attached. Much, if not most, of the matter in the Atkinson specification is virtually identical to ours, and many of the claims appear to overlap.

We have received Notice of Allowance on our Application No. 10/016,380 and anticipate issuance fairly soon.

Sincerely,



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